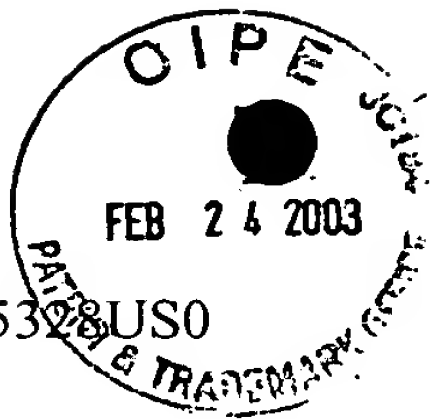


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed November 25, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 7 and 9-14.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for the synthesis of hydrogen cyanide, comprising:  
reacting methane or methane-containing natural gas, ammonia and oxygen-enriched  
air or oxygen in the presence of a catalyst comprising platinum or a platinum alloy;  
wherein oxygen and nitrogen are present in a molar ratio which satisfies the following  
relationship:

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SIR:  
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration with attached Marked-Up Copy in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required  
☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.  
☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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